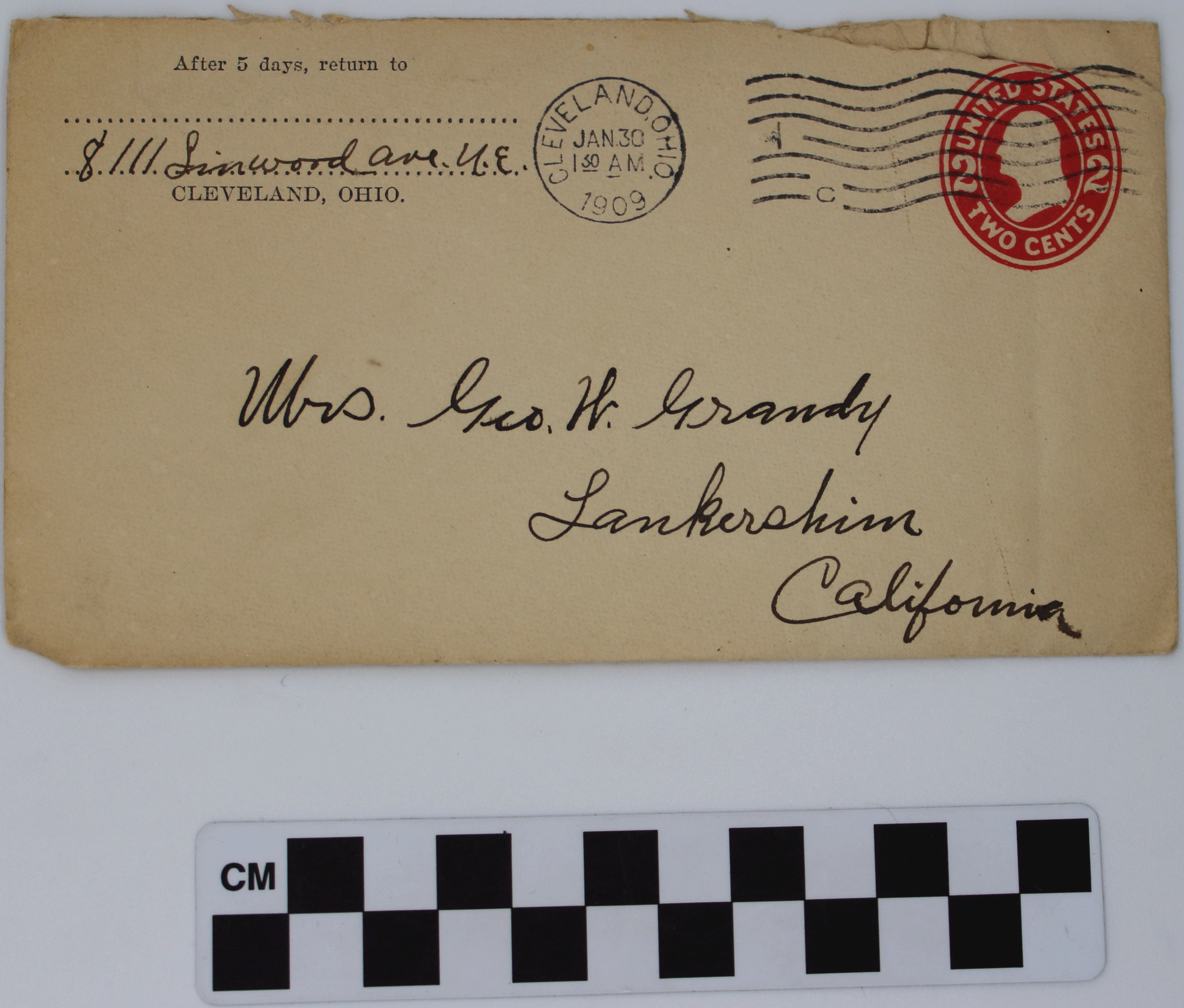

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Dear Sister Edith :-

I have been putting off answering your letter as I have been so busy & Sarah & Mary I guess has told you all the news so I will start right in & answer your questions. it is just 8 wks. ago this morning poor Mother died - but it seems to me longer dont it you? yes Mothers hair was just as black as ever except on the sides it was streaked with gray, & she looked so peaceful just as if she had fallen asleep. she was burried in her wedding dress with a lace yoke around her neck that

Katie had some lady in Hadley
get for her & Mr Crosier paid for it
$3.00 & it looked real nice on
her. Mr Crosier had me help him
pick out Mothers casket & rough box
& flowers. & every thing that was
done for poor Mother Mr Crosier
would ask my advise about
it & want me to help select
it or do it whatever it was
& he was very kind to me
while there & so often asked me
to write him & to come & see
him & he says that he dont
want me to forget him either
we selected a $65.00 casket black
straight sides & lined with whie
Satin & Mr Crosier had her
name put on a plate on
it to, & the funeral expences
here came to $65.00 & Mr Crosier
has paid up all bills in full

& everything is all straightened
up now & in good shape. he wrote
me a wk. or so ago & asked me
for a picture of Mother so he could
have some copied as he said Katie
dident leave him anything to reme-
mber Mother by - so Sarah &
I sent him 2 that Mother had
given us years ago & he is going
to return them as soon as he can.
yes you can see aunt Mary
Frank & Leeman ageing they
were the only Bro. & Sister at
the funeral, aunt Sue & family
& S.C. all sat near each other
in same room at the funeral
but none of them spoke or
reckonized each other & Frank
& Leeman ~~dont~~ dident even speak to
each other & take it all around
it was a very peculiar
gathering & to top it all off Sarahs

aunt Jane was there & looking
for news & Sarahs folks following
her around to keep her from quizing
my Uncles & aunts &c. The last
I heard of L.C. he is opening up
an office in Erie Pa. Selling
water-filters that he got up
himself. Aunt Mary & Frank
was the only ones that stayed
over a day or so after the funeral.
Aunt Sue has rented out
her Suite furnished to a young couple
& gone to Toledo to care for a
sick aunt of hers & Ava
reserved a room for herself &
(John) & Hearld is staying
with Grace on South Side
as he is going to the High
School over there his last
year. John & Avea are getting
along just the same dont see

any difference in them.. I havent heard from Hariett wilson for a long time she had ericypless. & was not able to come to funeral. Abe Dushman died of Paralysis & the last card I got from Katie she said Mary wasent hardly able to do her work she had the sale on her farm & Pike was up to help settle it up. the Browns are all well but James & he is verry feeble. Amy Married again a Mr Smith & they are all living togeather he is in the lumber business there. Rada is trying to get married again to some Dr that she is working for. & now she has all of her children at her folks. Edith that would of been nice to of had Mothers old

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minister of the Pilgrim church but Sarah & her folks had all arrangements made when we got here with Mother & I dident think of it ~~it~~ in time besides Rev. Lawrence has preached at all of our funerals & we thought it nice to have him at Mothers. I gave him $5.00 & Mr Crosier paid that to.

Chas. L, & his wife live about a mile from us & are getting along fine no children & he has all the work he can do he & a man are in buisness for themselves.

The last I heard of Minor he is putting up a block on 105th st. architect now & I put the Undertaker on to him & he is going to try & get his money now as he hasent paid a cent on it yet.

yes I will always have the greatest of respect for Mr crosier & write to him often as I know he was good to Mother & she was happy with him & had everything nice & comfortable.

You ask what we call our baby - you will laugh when I till you, we named him George after our Father - you know he has made his will & named me as his executor & wants me to take charge of everything he leaves & I expect to divide with you & Katie & Jack (Jennies share) if I live to get it, & he wanted me to name our Boy after him - so I did.. Son George has a bad congested cold now. & Helen also has a bad cold & Charlie to. & Sarah isnt feeling at all well. Geo.

doesent walk yet but it wont be long, he can go up the stairs by himself & he is the best boy you ever saw & contented. the 3 can make lots of noise & their Grandmother dont get a bit lonesome when they are aroun & they are around nearly all the time. Edith you want to know what I think of your letter - well I guess I would think & do the same as you did - in fact I guess that you done better under the circumstances than I would - I think as Mr Crosier said that Katie is laboring under a mented or nearvous strain or delusion & I dont or am afraid that Katie isent altogeather accountable for all she says & does.

& I am greatly worried as to
what will become of her. I think
your suggestion as to her buying an
interest in a ladys home is a
grand idea — but Mary says
she hasent got the nearv to
suggest it to her — so I suppose
when she comes home I will
try & haft get on the good side
of her & mention it to her even
though I hafto suffer the consequences — but she can make it
her home with me as long
as she wants to & Sarah says
so to & will try & make it as
pleasant for her as she can —
but she is a verry peculiar
girl & hard to please. I would
rather have her stay with us
than to see her go away as I
know she cant take care of herself.

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she said on her last card that
she is going west again hen she
comes back just as soon as she can.
I guess I told you about her going
to see old Dr. Hughes in Berlin
I guess he must of told her
that is her only hopes. I havent
heard from her for a long time
but Sarah & I both wrote to her.
well Edith I must close
but wish I could talk to you
instead of writing, so write
often did you get all the Insurance
book I sent & did you
get them in time?

As ever your Loving
Bro Archie.

I wrote to the Postmaster of
Colegrove for your Address &
that took a long time.
Mary Sharman has a Son